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TAGS PINR, MOPS, AR  
SUBJECT BRIEFINGS OF SELECTED LATIN AMERICAN LEADERS  
ON CUBAN INVOLVEMENT IN AFRICA

REF: STATE 75151

FOLLOWING ARE FOUR POINTS GIVEN AMBASSADOR  
EVENING MARCH 28 BY ARGENTINE ARMY CHIEF  
OF STAFF GENERAL VIOLA AS EXPRESSIONS OF  
PRESIDENT VIDELA CONCERNING POINTS RAISED  
IN REFTTEL:

-. VIOLA ASKED AMBASSADOR TO EXTEND  
PRESIDENT VIDELAS GREETINGS TO PRESIDENT  
CARTER AND ALSO TO EXPRESS GOA'S APPRECIATION  
FOR USG'S DEFERENCE IN SHARING INFORMATION  
WITH ARGENTINA ON SUCH AN IMPORTANT MATTER  
FACING US IN AFRICA. VIDELA WISHED TO  
EMPHASIZE HOW GRATEFUL HE WAS FOR BEING  
CONSULTED BY US PRESIDENT ON A MATTER OF GREAT  
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INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE;  
B. VIDELA UNDERSTOOD AND APPRECIATED PRESIDENT  
CARTER'S CONCERN OVER SOVIET/CUBAN INTERVENTION IN  
AFRICA. VIDELA WANTED PRESIDENT CARTER TO KNOW THAT  
HE STRONGLY SUPPORTED OUR POSITION ON NON INTERVENTION  
AND PARTICULARLY AGAINST SOVIET-CUBAN INTERVENTIONISM.  
VIDELA APPLAUDED US EFFORTS TO TAKE A FIRMER STAND

AGAINST SOVIET/CUBAN INTERVENTION IN AFRICA;  
C. GOA FULLY BELIEVES THAT THE TIME HAS COME TO  
DEVELOP AN INTEGRATED INTER-AMERICAN DEFENSE PLAN FOR  
THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE. THIS IS AN OBJECTIVE TOWARDS  
WHICH EVERY COUNTRY IN THE AMERICAS SHOULD BE OFFERING  
ITS SUPPORT, AND  
D. VIDELA EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE TRUE SPIRIT OF  
PUNTA DEL ESTE SHOULD PREVAIL. WITHOUT ENTERING INTO  
DETAIL VIOLA SAID IT WAS PRESIDENT VIDELAS'S VIEW THAT  
THOSE CONCEPTS ENUNCIATED AND ADOPTED UNDER THE  
HEMISPHERIC AGREEMENTS REACHED AT PUNTA DEL ESTE  
SHOULD BE FULLY IMPLEMENTED BY ALL THE MEMBER STATES  
OF THE AMERICAS.  
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